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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended June 1, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 -- Best Buys in fruit this week are strawberries, Sacramento Valley Tartarian cherries and Arizona grapefruit.

Listed as Good Buys are avocados, Valencia oranges, bananas and dates.

Among the vegetables the Best Buys are artichokes, celery, cucumbers, soft squash, small size tomatoes, local lettuce and eggplant.

Good Buys are Asparagus, new potatoes, carrots, corn and peas.

Bell peppers are listed as Fair Buys.

MEAT --

Trading in the San Francisco wholesale meat market has been rather slow during the past week with beef, veal and fresh pork selling mostly unchanged in price from the previous week. Spring lamb was in light supply and generally sold $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight higher. Smoked and skinned hams sold $1.00 higher, but picnics, bacon and lard were unchanged in price.

BUTTER --

Supplies of butter were ample for the rather good demand with all grades selling to retailers unchanged in price from the previous week. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) sold at 77½ to 78½ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) at 73½ to 74 cents.

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EGGS --

Eggs sold to retailers unchanged in price in San Francisco during the past week as supplies continued adequate for the fairly good demand. Grade "A" Large eggs were quoted at 62 to 63 cents per dozen in cartons, Mediums at 61 to 62, and Smalls at 49 to 50.

POULTRY --

Demand for dressed poultry has been moderately good and supplies of most classes have been ample. Offerings of fryers and roasters were in excess of the demand. However, prices were mostly unchanged from the previous week.

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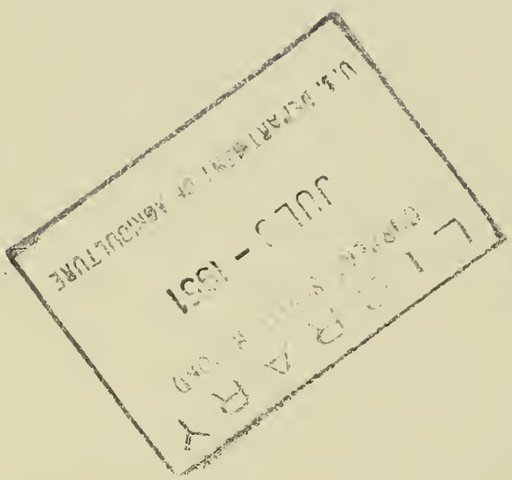
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(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended June 8, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5 -- Cherries and Arizona grapefruit are listed as the Best Buys in fruit this week.

Good Buys are strawberries and bananas, and listed as a Fair Buy are apricots.

Best Buys among the vegetables are artichokes, celery, cucumbers and eggplant.

Listed as Good Buys are asparagus, lettuce, carrots, corn, new crop potatoes and tomatoes.

Bell peppers and peas are a Fair Buy.

MEAT --

The demand for meat in the San Francisco wholesale market during the past week has been fair with all prices unchanged from the previous week. Supplies of beef were more than adequate for the demand, but the veal and calf supply was limited. Fresh pork cuts and cured meats were ample for the limited demand, as were the rather light supplies of spring lamb and mutton.

BUTTER --

Supplies of butter increased this week with Grades A&AA (1st Quality) butter selling to retailers one cent lower than the previous week at 76½ to 77½ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Demand continued fairly good with Grade B (2nd Quality) butter selling unchanged at 73½ to 74 cents. National butter production has been increasing seasonally in recent weeks.

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EGGS --

Prices on all grades and sizes of eggs held unchanged in the San Francisco market during the past week as supplies continued ample for the fair demand. Surplus supplies of the Large top grades moved into storage, but supplies of the Medium and Small sizes were about equal to the rather active demand. Grade "A" Large eggs in cartons sold to retailers at 62 to 63 cents per dozen, Mediums at 61 to 62 and Smalls at 49 to 50.

POULTRY --

Demand for dressed poultry during the past week was generally good. Supplies of broilers and light-type hens were somewhat lighter early this week and prices advanced one-cent per pound. Supplies of fryers and roasters were moderate, but ample for the demand and prices were unchanged from the previous week.

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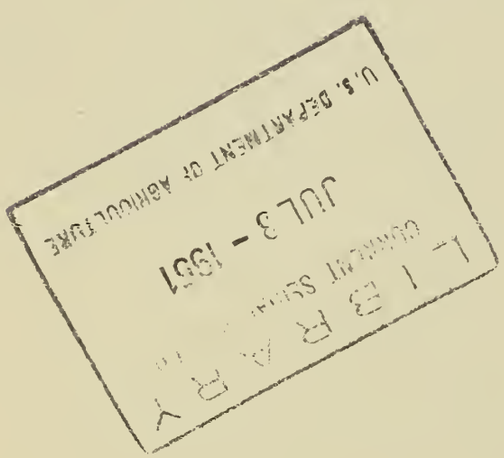
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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended June 15, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12 -- Best Buys this week in fruit are Royal apricots, Tartarian cherries and Arizona grapefruit.

Listed as Good Buys are strawberries, boysenberries, bananas and dates.

From the vegetable bin the Best Buys are artichokes, celery, cucumbers and eggplant.

Good Buys are peas, asparagus, carrots, new crop potatoes, corn, tomatoes and soft squash. Listed as Fair Buys are peas and lettuce.

MEAT --

Demand for fresh meat improved slightly during the past week with the best demand for fresh pork cuts. Supplies of beef were generally adequate for the demand. Veal, calf and lamb was in very light supply. All prices were unchanged except for commercial cow carcasses which sold unchanged to $2.00 lower per hundredweight.

BUTTER --

There was an improved demand for butter during the past week and prices advanced about 1-cent per pound. Supplies were ample for the demand. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) butter sold to retailers at 77½ to 78 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4 lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) at 74½ to 75 cents.

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EGGS --

Supplies of eggs were adequate for the rather slow demand during the past week and prices for top quality eggs were unchanged. Grade A Large eggs sold to retailers at 62 to 63 cents per dozen in cartons, Mediums at 61 to 62, and Smalls at 49 to 50 cents. Because of the warm weather, supplies of Grade B Large and Medium eggs increased and prices declined 2-cents per dozen early this week.

POULTRY --

Moderate supplies of dressed poultry were in good demand during the past week. Broilers sold to retailers 3-cents higher than the previous week at 45 to 46 cents per pound, and fryers were up 1-cent at 43 to 44 cents per pound. Other classes were unchanged in price from the previous week.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended June 22, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19 --- This week's Best Buys in fruit are Royal apricots, Tartarian cherries, Arizona grapefruit, and dates.

Good Buys include strawberries and cantaloups, with avocados rated as a Fair Buy.

Among the vegetables, the Best Buys are artichokes, celery, cucumbers and eggplant.

In the Good Buy class are asparagus, carrots, new-crop potatoes, corn tomatoes, peas, soft squash, and all varieties of snap beans.

Lettuce is a Fair Buy, along with Bell peppers.

MEAT ---

Demand for fresh meats has improved this past week in the San Francisco wholesale meat market, with beef in considerably better demand. With the exception of a scarcity of offal items, supplies are sufficient for needs. For the most part, quality of beef is of Commercial to Choice grades. Regular hams have advanced $2.00 per hundredweight. Otherwise prices are unchanged from a week ago.

BUTTER ---

Butter -- especially top grades -- has continued in good demand. Receipts have continued liberal, but surplus stocks have been moving into storage, so that offerings in the market are moderate. Prices are unchanged from a week ago, with Grades A&AA (1st Quality) quoted to retailers at 77½ to 78 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) at 74½ to 75 cents.

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EGGS ---

Eggs have been in good demand at practically unchanged prices. Warmer weather in producing areas has resulted in larger supplies of lower grades. Also, receipts of top quality eggs are on the downgrade in line with a downward production trend. Grade "A" Large eggs are quoted 1-cent higher to retailers at 63 to 64 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Mediums are unchanged at 61 to 62 cents, as are Grade "A" Smalls at 49 to 50 cents.

POULTRY

There has been an improvement in demand for moderate receipts of dressed poultry. Prices of young chickens are slightly higher, with dressed broilers and roasters up 1-cent above a week ago, and all weights of fryers up 2 cents. All other classes remain unchanged.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended June 29, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26 --- Best Buys in fruit this week are Royal apricots and grapefruit from Arizona and the Imperial Valley.

Cantaloups are a Good Buy.

Seasonal fruits coming to market in heavier supply and dropping in price include peaches, nectarines and plums.

Best Buys in vegetables this week include beets, green onions, radishes, eggplant, peas, long white potatoes, local loose-pack spinach, and small-sized tomatoes.

Good Buys are artichokes, soft squash and cabbage.

MEAT

Generally, retail demand has ranged from slow to fair in the San Francisco wholesale meat market the past week, while there has been considerable demand by the armed services for beef and veal. Beef quality has ranged mostly in Commercial to Choice grades, with Good grade carcasses in best demand. Among the beef cuts, rounds, chucks, plate and brisket beef have been in most demand. Veal and calf have been in good demand but very limited supply. Inquiries for pork cuts in carlots have been unusually heavy. Prices are little changed from a week ago. Utility grade lamb and mutton have dropped $2.00 per hundredweight, and lard has declined $1.00. All other grades and classes are unchanged.

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BUTTER --

As the result of seasonal production defects, there are lighter supplies of top grades of butter and a proportional increase in medium and lower grades. Western output for the week ended June 21 dropped 3 percent below the previous week and was 20 percent below a year ago. Declines were especially sharp in Utah and the three Pacific Coast states. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are unchanged in price at a quotation to retailers of 77½ to 78 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. But Grade B (2nd Quality) has dropped 1½ cents to a quotation of 73 to 73½ cents.

EGGS --

Although local egg production has continued to decline, supplies are ample for the somewhat slower demand existing in the San Francisco wholesale market. Grade "A" Large eggs are unchanged in price at a quotation to retailers of 63 to 64 cents per dozen in cartons. Medium and small sizes are down 1-cent, with Grade "A" Mediums quoted to retailers at 60 to 61 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Smalls at 47 to 48 cents.

POULTRY

In the San Francisco wholesale poultry market broilers and all weights of light-type hens are in liberal supply. Prices are down 1-cent per pound on dressed broilers, and 2 cents on all light-type hens. As the result of heavier marketings, Leghorn hens are being packed for storage. All other classes are in fairly good demand at unchanged prices.

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